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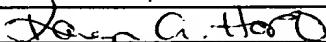
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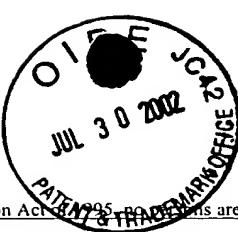
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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA						RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))				\$ _____					
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =	*	x \$ _____ =						
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =	*	x _____ =						
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			TOTAL						
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